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SUBJECT: ADMIRAL MULLEN'S MEETING WITH EGIS CHIEF SOLIMAN

Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey per 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. Key Points:
- (S/NF) During an April 21 meeting with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen, Egyptian General Intelligence Service Chief Soliman said Egypt must "confront" Iranian attempts to smuggle arms to Gaza and "stop" arms smuggling through Egyptian territory.
- (S/NF) Soliman shared his vision on Palestinian reconciliation and bringing the Palestinian Authority back to Gaza, saying "a Gaza in the hands of the Palestinian Authority is a success." Soliman hoped to see the return of the Palestinian Authority to Gaza.
- (S/NF) On Iran, Soliman said Egypt was "succeeding" in preventing Iran from funneling financial support to Hamas through Egypt. Soliman hoped to see the return of the Palestinian Authority to Gaza.

Gaza

2. (S/NF) Soliman said radicalism was the "backbone" of regional security threats, adding that radicalism in Gaza posed a particularly serious threat to the region.

3. (S/NF) "We do not want incidents like Gaza to inflame public anger," Soliman said, adding that the Gaza conflict put "moderate (Arab) regimes under a great deal of pressure."

4. (S/NF) Stability in Gaza also depends on giving people a more "normal" life, Soliman continued, saying Israel must be convinced to regularize the situation in Gaza.

5. (S/NF) On Palestinian reconciliation, Soliman said he expected the factions to return to Egypt on April 26 to discuss his proposal on establishing a Palestinian Authority in Gaza.

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to keep Hamas and Fatah talking, so they would not resort to violence.

Iran, Counter Smuggling

6. (S/NF) Iran is "very active in Egypt," Soliman said. Iranian financial support to Hamas amounted to \$25 million a month, but he said Egypt was not allowing Iran to operate in Egypt.

7. (S/NF) Egypt has "started a confrontation with Hezbollah and Iran," Soliman stressed, and "we will not allow Iran to operate in Egypt." Soliman said Egypt was not allowing Iran to operate in Egypt.

Sudan

8. (S/NF) Egypt is very concerned with stability in Sudan, Soliman said, but asked for the U.S. to be "patient" with the Sudanese government as it works to resolve the situation.

Piracy and Somalia

9. (S/NF) Admiral Mullen stressed that piracy was an international crime that needed an international solution, especially on support for trying to bring the pirates to justice.

10. (U) Admiral Mullen did not have the opportunity to clear before his departure.
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